

Before AND After

This classic Cape grew in size, comfort, and sophistication during a flawless remodel/addition project.

Previous to purchasing this traditional Cape, the homeowners knew they wanted to return to their native New England. Cape Cod was the ideal location: the wife had vacationed here since she was a small child and the couple had often rented houses and visited friends in the area during the summer. Looking for a place to comfortably fit their large



family, they found this home in East Orleans late in the summer of 1990. They liked its layout and size, but knew that eventually adjustments would have to be made as they spent more time on the Cape.

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AFTER

In order to link the existing house and the addition, Haig placed the front door on a 45-degree angle; added a mahogany farmer's porch, complete with a side porch and overhang; and sloped the roof of the garage toward the road to give the home visual balance. Cedar shingles replaced the blue clapboards.

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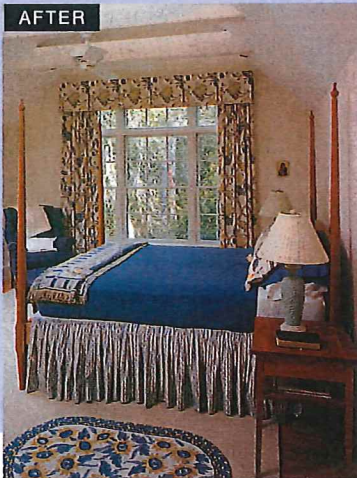
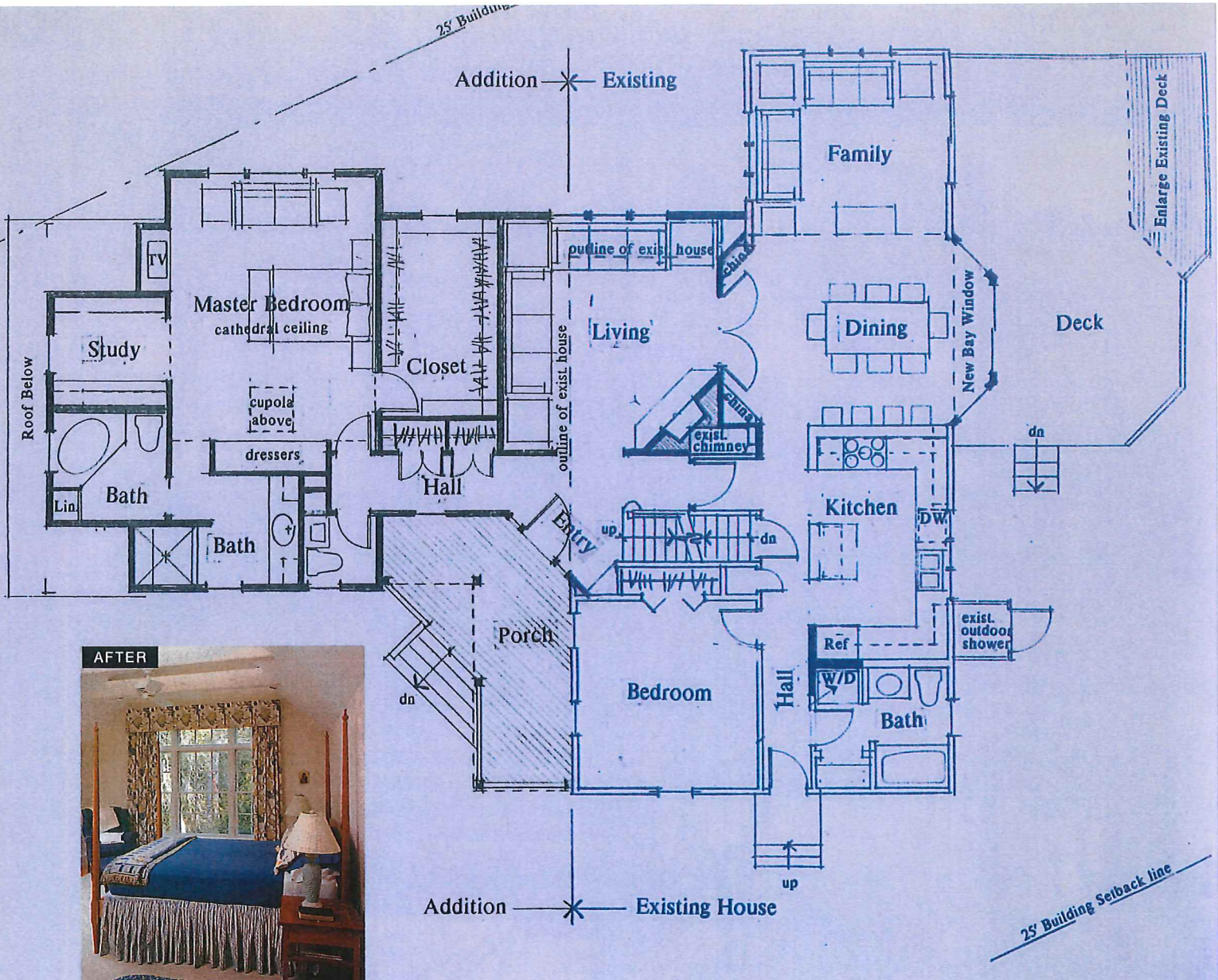


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■ An addition in the back or side yard was not feasible due to property-line constraints. After compiling a few designs, Haig came up with a solution. "The home sits on a hill that is eight feet higher than the road, so we decided to extend the house forward, making a garage and walk-out basement possible," he explains.

By September of 2001, 11 years after purchasing the home, the owners could no longer live comfortably in their small, main-level bedroom and realized they needed a master suite with a walk-in closet. They approached Architectural Design Inc. in Orleans and began working with Principal Architect Peter Haig. "We had seen some of Peter's work in a home he designed for our good friends and were impressed by his creativity," explains the husband.



■ Construction finished in May 2003. The result, detailed in the architectural drawing on this page, was a 926-square-foot addition, complete with a master bedroom (above), walk-in closet, and spacious two-car garage with doors made from fir (right), a durable, red-toned wood. An upstairs bath and main level powder room were also added to complete the 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath floor plan.

